## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention is directed to an expandable stent for implantation in a patient comprising a tubular metal body having open ends and a sidewall structure having openings therein and a coating disposed on a surface of said sidewall structure, said coating comprising a hydrophobic biostable elastomeric material and a biologically active material, wherein said coating continuously conforms to said structure in a manner that preserves said openings.